

REMARKS

At the outset the applicants wish to express their appreciation to the Examiner for the helpful telephone discussion with applicants' attorney on February 24, 2009 relating to the above identified Office Action.

By the present amendment the applicants have amended independent claim 16 for the purpose of clarifying that the optical data storage drive device claimed is used as a built-in or external device to a personal computer utilizing a bus switch to release/resume a standard interface therebetween. Claim 16 was also amended to clearly indicate that the claimed microprocessor element controls the operation of the device by means of a key-in or prestored instruction and the read/write of the BIOS data of the personal computer, and also controls the release/resume operation of the bus switch.

During the course of the telephone discussion with the Examiner concerning the Office Action, the above described changes to claim 16 were discussed relative to overcoming the Examiner's objections that the preamble only described intended use and that the microprocessor element did not specifically state that it controls the release/resume operation of the bus switch. The Examiner agreed that the proposed changes would overcome the objections and render claim 16 patentable over

European Patent 1,117,030, to Jae-Sung, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,794,164, to Beckert et al.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 3, 4, 6 to 10 and 12 to 16 are patentable over the cited references and should therefore be allowed. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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